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Notice of Non-compliant Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 19 November 2003 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 *Fed. Reg.* 38611, June 30, 2003). In order for the amendment to be compliant, correction of the following is required. **Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment containing the omission of non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g. the entire "Claim listing" section of applicant's amendment must be re-submitted.**

2. The following item causes the amendment to be non-compliant:

- Applicant has not amended the claims properly as double brackets (e.g. [[]]) may only be used to delete five characters or less. Strikethrough must be used to delete more than five characters. Note that in some of the claims applicant has used double brackets to delete more than 5 characters.

3. Since the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON -FINAL OFFICE ACTION, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135 (c)), applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH** from the mailing date of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1,121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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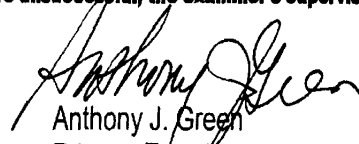
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